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# The Stratford Commemoration

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COMMEMORATION

OF THE

**Two-Hundredth Anniversary**

OF THE

**Oldest Parish of the Diocese of Connecticut**

CHRIST CHURCH, STRATFORD

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1907

## Order of Services

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7.30 A. M.

Celebration of the Holy Communion.

10.30 A. M.

Processional, Hymn 311. *Albany.*

J. A. Jeffery, Mus. Doc.

**A**NCIENT of days, Who sittest, throned in glory;  
 To Thee all knees are bent, all voices pray;  
 Thy love has blest the wide world's wondrous story,  
 With light and life since Eden's dawning day.

2 O Holy Father, Who hast led Thy Children  
 In all the ages, with the Fire and Cloud,  
 Through seas dry-shod; through weary wastes bewildering;  
 To Thee, in reverent love, our hearts are bowed.

3 O Holy Jesus, Prince of Peace and Saviour,  
 To Thee we owe the peace that still prevails,  
 Stilling the rude wills of men's wild behavior,  
 And calming passion's fierce and stormy gales.

4 O Holy Ghost, the Lord and the Life-giver,  
 Thine is the quickening power that gives increase:  
 From Thee have flowed, as from a pleasant river,  
 Our plenty, wealth, prosperity, and peace.

5 O Triune God, with heart and voice adoring,  
 Praise we the goodness that doth crown our days;  
 Pray we, that Thou wilt hear us, still imploring  
 Thy love and favor, kept to us always.

A Festival Te Deum, in B flat,

C. Villiers Stanford

Introit, Psalm cxxii. *Laetatus sum.*

Gregorian

### The Holy Communion.

Kyrie Eleison,

Hoyte in D

#### *The Collect.*

**A**Lmighty GOD, Who by Thy Holy Spirit didst guide our fathers and endue them with steadfastness in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, grant, we beseech Thee, that by the same Spirit we may be enabled to continue steadfastly therein, and faithfully to serve Thee, to the benefit of Thy Church and the glory of Thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### *For the Epistle. Genesis xiii. 14-18.*

**A**ND the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward; For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee. Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the Lord.

Gloria Tibi,

Hoyte in D

#### *The Gospel. Saint Matthew xxviii. 16-20.*

**W**HEN the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. *Amen.*

The Sermon,

The Reverend Samuel Hart, D.D., D.C.L.  
Vice-Dean of the Berkeley Divinity School, Registrar of the Diocese

Address—New York and Connecticut,

The Right Reverend Henry Codman Potter, D.D., LL.D., D.C.L.  
Bishop of New York

Offertory, Anthem—"Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion,"

John Stainer, Mus. Doc.

Sanctus,

Hoyte in D

Agnus Dei,

Hoyte in D

Gloria in Excelsis,

Hoyte in D

*A Special Thanksgiving.*

ALMIGHTY and Everliving God, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone ; and Who didst raise up faithful men here to serve Thy Church and to minister Thy Word and Sacraments, and hast granted unto us to enter into their labours : For these benefits we render unto Thee our hearty thanks, we praise and worship Thee ; and we humbly beseech Thee to grant unto us Thy grace, that we may continue to show ourselves thankful unto Thee for these and all Thy other benefits, by serving Thee in our generation : Grant, moreover, we pray Thee, that all Christians may be joined together in such unity and concord as shall be according to Thy Will, that so Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in peace and godliness, and Thy blessed Kingdom be enlarged, All which we ask through Thy Son Jesus Christ, the gracious Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, unto Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Blessing.

**F**ORWARD! be our watchword,  
Steps and voices joined;  
Seek the things before us,  
Not a look behind:  
Burns the fiery pillar  
At our army's head;  
Who shall dream of shrinking,  
By our Captain led?  
Forward through the desert,  
Through the toil and fight!  
Jordan flows before us;  
Sion beams with light.

2 Glories upon glories  
Hath our God prepared,  
By the souls that love Him  
One day to be shared;  
Eye hath not beheld them,  
Ear hath never heard;  
Nor of these hath uttered  
Thought or speech a word;  
Forward! marching eastward  
Where the heaven is bright,  
Till the veil be lifted,  
Till our faith be sight.

3 Far o'er yon horizon  
Rise the city towers,  
Where our God abideth;  
That fair home is ours:  
Flash the streets with jasper,  
Shine the gates with gold;  
Flows the gladdening river  
Shedding joys untold.  
Thither, onward thither,  
In the Spirit's might!  
Pilgrims to your country  
Forward into light!

4 To the eternal Father  
Loudest anthems raise:  
To the Son and Spirit  
Echo songs of praise:  
To the Lord of glory,  
Blessed Three in One,  
Be by men and angels  
Endless honor done.  
Weak are earthly praises,  
Dull the songs of night:  
Forward into triumph!  
Forward into light!

12.30 P. M.

Luncheon.



2.00 P. M.

Commemorative Session of the Convention,

The Bishop of the Diocese, Chairman

Processional, Hymn 493—"Oh, 'twas a joyful sound to hear." *Mount Zion.*

H. W. Parker, Mus. Doc.

The Lord's Prayer. Collects.

Address of Welcome,

The Reverend N. Ellsworth Cornwall, M.A.

Rector of the Parish

Response,

The Right Reverend Chauncey Bunce Brewster, D.D.

Bishop of Connecticut

HISTORICAL PAPERS.

I. The Church in Connecticut in the Eighteenth Century,

The Reverend Joseph Hooper, M.A.

Rector Church of the Epiphany, Durham

II. The Reverend Samuel Johnson, D.D., and his Contemporaries,

The Right Reverend Edwin Stevens Lines, D.D.

Bishop of Newark

Hymn 487—"Rise, crowned with light, imperial Salem, rise!" *Russian Hymn*

III. The Lay Pioneers of the Church in Connecticut,

Hon. Frederick J. Kingsbury, LL.D.

Sometime Treasurer of the Diocese

Address, The Right Reverend John Scarborough, D.D.  
Bishop of New Jersey

Hymn 491—"The Church's one foundation." *Aurelia.* Samuel S. Wesley

Address, Arthur Twining Hadley, LL.D.  
President of Yale University

Address—A Greeting from Columbia, Professor William A. Dunning, LL.D.

Address—Massachusetts and Connecticut,  
The Right Reverend Alexander Hamilton Vinton, D.D.  
Bishop of Western Massachusetts

## Communications.

A Retrospect,  
The Right Reverend William Woodruff Niles, DD., LL.D., D.C.L.  
Bishop of New Hampshire

Connecticut Churchmanship, The Right Reverend William Ford Nichols, D.D.  
Bishop of California

Hymn 52—"Of the Father's love begotten,"                      Ancient Plain Song

Address, The Right Reverend William Neilson McVickar, D.D., LL.D.  
Bishop of Rhode Island

Address—The Duties and Privileges of Laymen,      Mr. Burton Mansfield  
Secretary of the Missionary Society, representing the Church Club of Connecticut

Hymn 520—"Rejoice, ye pure in heart."    *Marion.*      Arthur H. Messiter

Prayers.

The Benediction.

Recessional, Hymn 516—"Onward, Christian soldiers."    *Saint Gertrude.*  
Sir Arthur S. Sullivan





Westward the course of empire takes its way ;  
The four first acts already past,  
A fifth shall close the drama with the day ;  
Time's noblest offspring is the last.

*George Berkeley, 1730.*





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